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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby request a three-months extension of time in connection with the above-identified application for filing the enclosed Response to the Final Office Action mailed June 12, 2003. The time for response is hereby extended to November 12, 2003. An enclosed check includes \$950.00 to cover the three-months extension of time fee for a large entity.

Authorization is given hereby to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the enclosed fee, or charge any additional extension of time fees necessary to preserve the pendency of the subject application, to Deposit Account No. 500675.

Additionally, any additional extensions of time required to maintain the pendency of the subject application are hereby respectfully requested.

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